

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 9 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 is allowed.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In a telephone interview with the examiner it was agreed that claim 2 meets section 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph and that it clear and understandable that the parts by weight ratio of olive oil to bees wax to lemon juice to boric acid is within (100-300) to (30-90) to (20-60) to (3-9), respectively.

Therefore the applicant believes that responsiveness to this rejection has been met.

It is further said that claim 3 includes the language “is at least 10:1” which is considered to be New Matter. This ratio was originally disclosed in claim 1 of the instant application and the applicant therefore believes there is sufficient support for this ratio.

Claims 3-9 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Joanides (GB 2,228,411) in view of Lust (1974).

The applicant has amended claim 3 so as to delete the transitional phrase “comprising” and has replaced this with “consisting essentially of”

Claims 4 to 8 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 3 and are now believed to be allowable in light of the amendment to claim 3.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable reconsideration of the Examiner's objections would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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